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Identical letters dated 19 July 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to draw your attention to an alarming development in our region.

Today, 19 July 2012, in the midst of fighting between Syrian security forces and other armed elements near the Syrian village of Jebata al-Khashab, Syrian soldiers crossed into the area of separation established under the 1974 Separation of Forces Agreement between Israel and Syria. Their action represents a blatant violation of this agreement, with potentially far-reaching implications for the security and the stability of the region.

Israel views the violation of the Separation of Forces Agreement by the Syrian military forces with the utmost concern. The international community and the Security Council should address this alarming development with great seriousness.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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